

RAMBLING REMARKS

And Comments Concerning Leading Topics and Recent Occurrences.

The Kansas University glee and banjo club are still at large and will continue their tour of Kansas until after New Year; then they will go back to Lawrence and learn some new pieces.

Benson, the Leavenworth murderer, cheated the gallows by committing suicide. He was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Mettman, and as the crime was committed on a military reservation, he was sentenced to be hanged. Last Thursday he attacked and wounded his guard with a knife, and then stabbed himself to death.

Stalwart Harris and J. B. Crouch (the man with the capacious mouth) have invaded Cleveland's privacy, and no doubt made a strong impression as to their importance in Kansas politics. Anybody who can make as much noise as these fellows did last campaign, with so little effect, certainly ought to be recognized by the new administration. Crouch was not known outside of his ward in Hutchinson before the stalwart movement began.

The last vestige of sympathy for the Harrison administration was wiped out of Kansas on last Friday when the contest court decided that Mr. Cabbell was duly elected a member of the electoral college. He is the man who ran short of votes on account of errors made by the Sedgwick and Wilson county clerks. Evidence showing the errors was submitted to the court, and on motion of the secretary of state Cabbell was declared elected.

A colored men's Populist league was organized in Topeka last Saturday for the purpose of promoting reform education among the colored people of Kansas. The officers elected were: President, J. M. Beck, of Alma; secretary, B. F. Foster, of Topeka; treasurer, A. B. Cabbell, of Larned; state organizer, W. M. Orey, of Wichita. There will be an executive committee composed of a member from each congressional district, and the prospects are that it will be a very strong organization.

Bishop B. B. Usaher, of the Episcopal church, preached in Kansas City, Sunday the 18th, and among other things said: "We have recently had one of God's object lessons. A man has been held up before us who from a poor boy became one of the wealthiest men in the world. Some men say 'money will do anything.' I deny it. Jay Gould died worth \$100,000,000, and to-day the humblest Christian peddler would not exchange characters with him. The world, as well as the church, has spoken, and the verdict was that he was simply a great thief among lesser thieves. There is no sorrow for his untimely end. He has dropped out of the ranks, and about the only expression of feeling is a sigh of relief that our nation shall no longer be cursed by this monied corruptor of judges and legislators. Character has been declared to have a valuation, and however fine a mausoleum may be erected over his dust, the divine sentence has gone out in positiveness, 'The name of the wicked shall rot.' And for fifty years to come the name, Jay Gould, carved on his place of sepulture will be all that is needed to suggest the career of a bold, bad man."

The advertisement of Dr. W. H. Going, the present state veterinarian, is to be found in this issue. Mr. Going is a graduate and member of the Royal Veterinary college of London, England, and has had fourteen years experience as

chief surgeon in the United States cavalry. He has a wide reputation for ability in his line, and his standard stock remedies are the essence of his twenty years' active practice among stock.

Reflections After the Election.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—While the People's party has won a great victory in the late election, it will not do for us to rest on our laurels. In order to carry the reforms proposed by the People's party to a successful issue, we must win many more victories. The late election has fairly demonstrated our strength, and our weakness, as well as the methods, means, and power of the opposition.

It behooves us to carefully study the situation and make good use of all our opportunities.

First, then, we must faithfully carry out (as far as possible) all the reforms proposed in our platform—must demonstrate that we not only talk reform, but that we practice it.

We have it in our power to give material relief to the people of Kansas by passing a maximum freight bill. Freight rates are too high. Unfair discriminations are practiced all over the state to the great injury of the people. I think a bill like house bill No. 743 would be the proper thing. There are several other bills passed by the People's party house two years ago that ought to become laws. Now, every old member knows that there is about ten times as much to do there than can properly be done during the session, therefore all bills of general character should be prepared before going there.

They should be introduced early, worked through the committees with as much dispatch as possible, so as to give time for discussion and conference between the two houses if necessary. Another great gain by passing important bills early will be that if either house would refuse to pass them, petitions can be presented, the people will have a chance to make themselves felt; and when the people really demand anything, they are bound to have it.

Private and local bills ought to take their place in the rear until all bills of general importance are disposed of.

Let us not forget that the growth of this reform movement will largely depend on our legislative work this winter. In order to do the best we can under the circumstances, it is absolutely necessary that not only the members of the house and senate, but the press and the people do their full duty. Let all join in the demand for laws to relieve an oppressed and long suffering people.

Members of the house and senate, irrespective of parties, can and will be influenced by an active and strongly-expressed public sentiment. We will have a good clean administration of state affairs by clean, competent persons; then laws passed that will bring relief to the people, laws that prove that our party means what it says in its platform, laws that demonstrate to the world that men can be elected to honestly and faithfully carry out the will of the people. Such a course will bring many thoughtful men to our ranks. I found in my campaign work many voters, especially republicans who, while admitting the evils of monopoly and plutocracy, and the justice of our demands, have lost faith in the possibility of any reform. They believe that all men can be bought; that all will use public office for selfish purposes. They need some tangible proof to awaken their faith in human nature, their hope that better conditions are possible.

Of equal importance, however, is that we take up with new zeal and energy the work of education. We must not over-

look the fact that, where we have losses this year, they are generally in the country precincts, where the interest in the Alliance had become lukewarm, or even cold. There has been a mistaken idea among some of our people that the Alliance had performed its work, that the members had graduated into the People's party. I think we all know better now. We know now that the only way this grand reform movement can be carried to a successful issue is through the thorough organization and education of the farmers, as well as the business and working men of the cities.

Then let us all who believe in the righteousness and justice of our demands consecrate ourselves anew to the work of converting others to our faith, to promote education on economic questions, to appeal to the conscience of men and women, to urge them to live up to the high and noble duties of citizenship. Let us put new life and energy into all our organizations. Let us not say or think somebody ought to do this or that, but resolve that I will do my work, my duty.

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Republican Figures.

The associated press has sent out from Washington the following figures regarding the presidential vote in all the states, claiming that the official count will not materially change them. Of course the figures are intended to show the average vote on presidential electors:

States.	Cleveland	Harrison	Weaver
Alabama	138 135	88 871	85 113
Arkansas	87 067	46 359	11 831
California	117,744	417,513	25 236
Colorado	38,514	38,514	452,984
Connecticut	82 395	77 032	874
Delaware	10 173	18 047	972
Florida	30 134	4 843	7 060
Georgia	129 386	48 346	42 939
Idaho	8 403	8 403	410,499
Illinois	435 574	397 401	30 635
Indiana	269 730	253 930	22 308
Iowa	196 408	219 373	29 616
Kansas	157 037	410,239	23 503
Kentucky	175 434	135 420	23 503
Louisiana	87 922	226 544	1,117
Maine	48 044	62 961	2 133
Maryland	113 806	92 736	5 016
Massachusetts	176 813	202 813	22 000
Michigan	207 384	222,730	29 545
Minnesota	100,579	122 738	19 356
Mississippi	40 337	1 400	41 183
Missouri	268 628	236,762	8 067
Montana	17 534	18,983	8 781
Nebraska	424 943	87 227	67,240
Nevada	42 078	45 853	1,227
New Hampshire	42 078	156 178	909
New Jersey	171 042	156 178	3 741
New York	653,980	608 390	45 143
North Carolina	132 957	100 346	417 650
North Dakota	17 463	17 463	14 848
Ohio	404 115	405 187	632 640
Oregon	39 160	310 011	8 067
Pennsylvania	432 364	510 011	647
Rhode Island	21 690	24 343	4 024
South Carolina	51 698	13 384	25 063
South Dakota	9 081	34 844	28 000
Tennessee	136 477	99 073	99 688
Texas	239 148	77 475	742
Vermont	16 325	37 992	12,039
Virginia	163 977	113 255	19 264
Washington	29 922	36 431	4 263
West Virginia	84 467	90 293	9 854
Wisconsin	177 335	170 791	67 586
Wyoming	8,376	8,376	1,032 240

Total's 5,534 405 5 252 335 1,032 240
 Cleveland's plurality over Harrison, 286 167.
 Cleveland's majority over the republicans, 1 318,397.
 a—No democratic electoral votes. b—R. P. losses and Populists' gains. c—Rice's losses by districts, 5 democratic. d—Average, 1 elector a republican. e—Partial union.

Crooked Work.

Grave charges are being made against republican ruling boards in Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska. The grossest frauds are charged in counting out Populists, and counting in republicans. The purpose is manifestly to steal the legislature, and control the election of United States senators. This game is doubtless to be played in all close states. Here in Kansas the drawing of a lot was done by republicans exclusively, in the absence of the candidates, who are expressly allowed by the law to be present. The pieces of paper were slipped in Humphrey's hat, and were drawn out by Higgins. The report that the slip containing the name of Rice was slyly withdrawn from the hat before the drawing will unfortunately find very few, even

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among republicans, who will care to deny it. The combination between Humphrey's hat and Higgins' hand is, of course, accidental, and without significance. It was merely a coincidence that Canada Bill threw a blanket over his knees and exhibited thereon a "queer little game of cards, gentlemen." Simultaneously with this little game came the returns from Haskell county, with figures "transposed" by the county clerk. "Transposed!" No claims that the footings were found to be erroneous, but the totals were "transposed." And all this crooked work is done to wrest the control of the house from the party which fairly won it, in order to prevent the people from regulating the railroads and other plundering monopolies. Higgins, Humphrey, et al., are determined to annihilate the republican party before they are done with it. —Lawrence Record, December 3.

Forward!

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—The pressure of public opinion exercised by the people must continually cause an upheaval and the downfall of industrial slavery, such as has never heretofore been witnessed. An industrial millennium will follow. Keep on educating, keep digging away at the money problem, ferret out the iniquity of the transportation system, get your minds thoroughly imbued with correct ideas about land ownership, and understand the unequal burdens of our present systems of tax gathering—do all this, and work for freedom! Traditions which are enthroned and many old-time opinions must evaporate in the sunlight of economic enlightenment. Move forward on the wheels of civilizing evolution. In that endless procession of events be ever moving forward. Time is but a requirement in the circle of endless duration. We are each but an infinitesimal unit in a series of infinite creation, but each important in our order and place, and entitled to live, develop and enjoy, while co-operating with our kind for man's advancement.

Nature's resources are endless in the destructibility and interchangeability of matter. Labor's force may be multipliciously and continually augmented by mechanical invention, labor's burdens lightened, life's joys increased, there is hope for the industrious who are idle, for the striving but stunted, and the chilled and cheerless now subject to the pinch of poverty. To the pressure of public opinion, founded on justice and enlightened by truth, adverse forces must yield or be dashed to pieces. Forward!

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